GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1437
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2000
INDIAN ENCLAVES IN BANGLADESH
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the number of Indian citizens residing in the Indian Enclaves in the Bangladesh territory;

(b) it so, names of these Enclaves where the Indian Prime Ministers have made their visit as on December 31, 2000;

(c) the observations made by them in respect of difficulties being faced by Indian citizens in such Enclaves;

(d) the steps taken to remove the difficulties of the Indians residing there; and

(e) if no such visit had ever been made by any of the Prime Ministers, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): India has no administrative control or access to the Indian enclaves in Bangladesh. There is no information available about the number of Indian citizens residing in the Indian enclaves in Bangladesh.

(b)&(c): Do not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

(d): The Government of India has received reports on thecondition of Indian nationals living in the Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh. The Government of India is aware of the seriousness of the matter and is fully committed to an early settlement of all boundary related issues with Bangladesh.

(e): No visit has taken place since these Enclaves are to be exchanged with Bangladesh according to the provisions of the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974.